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# Army to Hit New Thoresen Caches

State Department interest in the activities of William E. Thoresen III came to light today as Army demolition experts poised to hit two more storage places of weaponry consigned to the Pacific Heights munitions man.

The U.S. passport division, The Examiner learned, became curious a couple of months ago when Thoresen's wife, Louise, picked up four parcels containing a number of guns and ammunition at the Kennedy International Airport in New York.

Agents who were waiting for a claimant to the packages arrested dMrs. Thoresen on the spot and found a batch of United States passports in a variety of names in her possession.

The passports were turned over to the State Department, but results of an investigation have not been disclosed.

### WARRANT

Mrs. Thoresen was charged with possession of firearms and a warrant for her husband's arrest was issued at the time.

The handsome 30 year old heir to a Chicago steel fortune and his wife have been charged with a number of additional firearms statute violations since Federal agents seized enough weapons to equip a combat battalion at their Broadway mansion last Friday.

The massive munitions seizure that day was the first of four here and in Oakland carried out after Thoresen's Pacific Heights citadel was disarmed.

### S.F., OAKLAND

Total tonnage of the weapons and ammunition in Thoresen's far-flung arsenals has reached 70 and is expected to get weightier by several more tons after today's raids.

Agents refused to give the specific locations of the storage places. All they would say was that one is in San Francisco and the other in Oakland.

But whatever they bring in for re-storage at the Presidio probably won't surprise anyone because the previous raids have yielded just about every weapon in Army and police manuals, foreign and domestic. All the agents haven't found are the prime weapons of the Navy and the Air Force.

As the new raids began Thoresen prepared to undergo a psychiatric examination by Dr. Edward Dean, who agreed to provide his professional services in the case at the request of Federal Judge Oliver J. Carter.

Dr. Dean will interview Thoresen next Friday in an effort to determine whether Thoresen is a harmless collector with a penchant for massiveness in his hobby, or whether he is something else again.

### MAY 10 REPORT

Dr. Dean is due to report to Judge Carter on May 10, when the court presumably will decide what to do about the charges against the mysterious Thoresen. He is free on $55,000 bail.

Thoresen, accompanied by Edward Dullea, one of his attorneys, visited the Hall of Justice yesterday at 3:15 p.m. to submit to fingerprinting and photographing in the police crime lab.

A reporter asked him whether he was a member of any para-military group such as the Minutemen. Thoresen vigorously denied connection with any right-wing group.

"I didn't do anything illegal," he volunteered.

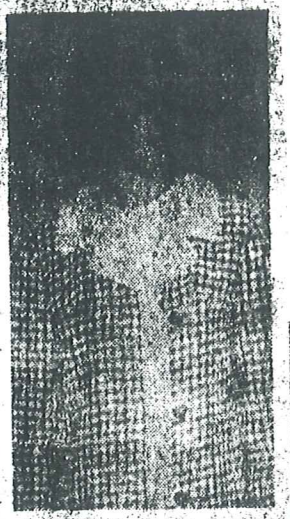
Mrs. THoresen, also 30, waited in a car outside the Hall of Justice while her husband went through the crime lab routine for the police intelligence unit.

### RECENT BUYS

Meanwhile, the U.S. Attorney's office disclosed that most of Thoresen's guns and ammunition are modern, useable and dangerous.

Earlier, his other lawyer, J. W. Ehrlich, said the vast collection was harmless, intended largely for sale as lawn decorations.

But Assistant U.S. Attorney Jerrold Ladar said the ammunition taken from storage in Oakland and Berkeley was so potentially explosive that the California Patrol barred its transport by truck across the Bay Bridge.



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Ladar said much of the materiel appeared to have been purchased recently.

In an unguarded moment away from his attorneys, Thoresen said he had done nothing wrong and was "in the same business as Michael Kokin of Pasadena."

Kokin operates the Eastern Firearms Corporation at 790 S. Arroyo Parkway in the Southern California city. He established the business after moving to Pasadena from Martinsville, N.J, several months ago.

### Many Dealers

Thoresen's mysterious business affairs spanned the country and apparently involved many dealers.

One of his visitors at the Broadway mansion yesterday was James Ratchford Jr., of Maplewood, N.J., the owner of the North Carolina Surplus store at Charlotte, N.C.

Thoresen and his wife were in Charlotte last April 1, 2 and 3, attending a gun auction.

Ratchford carried in his hand a sheaf of what appeared to be bills of lading, but he declined flatly to explain whether he came to collect payment from Thoresen for an arms shipment.